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Dear Assistant Commissioner:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicants submit this statement and the attached 1 sheet(s) of form PTO-1449 and 8 specimens of prior art and other information in accordance to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, and requests consideration hereof.

Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97: This Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the mailing date of a final office action under 37 C.F.R. §1.113, a notice of allowance under 37 C.F.R. §1.311 or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application, and is accompanied by the fee required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p). No certification is required.

Information Cited: The Applicants hereby make of record in the above-identified application, the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the reference. As all the references listed on attached Form PTO-1449 are in English, no commentary is required.

Remarks: A copy of each reference, together with a listing on Form PTO-1449(modified), is submitted herewith. Applicants respectfully request that:

1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;

2. The enclosed form PTO-1449 (modified) be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application; and

3. The citations for the information be printed on any patent which issues from this application.

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Notwithstanding any statement by the Applicant, the Examiner is urged to form his own conclusion regarding the relevance of the cited information.

An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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